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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT

1. YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION, HEADED BY SFRY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC, RETURNED TO BELGRADE JULY 24 FOLLOWING HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND PROMINENTLY REPORTED VISIT TO US. DESPITE COMPETITION FROM NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, BOTH MAJOR BELGRADE PAPERS, BORBA AND POLITIKA, HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO MARKOVIC'S VISIT, INCLUDING HIS HIGHLY FAVORABLE REMARKS DURING AIRPORT RETURN CEREMONY.

2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AT AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN, MARKOVIC EXPRESSED HIS GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE VISIT, ADDING THAT HE HAD GONE TO THE US WITH FAVORABLE PRECONCEPTIONS BUT HAD RETURNED WITH EVEN MORE FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS. HE WAS MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE WARMTH AND OPENNESS OF THOSE HE MET, AND WITH THE USEFULNESS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS. HE MADE BRIEF INCIDENTAL REFERENCE TO THE BOMB SCARE INCIDENT IN LOS ANGELES, MAKING CLEAR THAT THE YUGOSLAVS DID NOT SEE IT AS DIRECTED AT THEM.

3. IN REMARKS TO PRESS ON HIS RETURN, MARKOVIC NOTED THAT DELEGATION HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN, AND OTHER IMPORTANT FIGURES  
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DURING THE VISIT AND FOUND HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN AND RESPECT FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS CONSTRUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL ROLE. MARKOVIC OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS A HIGH DEGREE OF "IDENTITY OR SIMILARITY OF VIEWS" ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN SOME INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, THESE ARE ONLY "NORMAL", MARKOVIC OBSERVED, AND SHOULD NOT HINDER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ARE "ON THE

PERMANENT ASCENT," HE SAID, AND THERE EXIST "VERY FAVORABLE CONDITIONS" FOR THEIR FURTHER PROMOTION.

4. ACCORDING TO MARKOVIC, THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION WAS IMPRESSED BY DEEP RESPECT EXPRESSED FOR PRESIDENT TITO AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD PEACE AND US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, BY THE INTEREST IN YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE AS A NON-ALIGNED EUROPEAN COUNTRY, AND BY THE GROWING US PERCEPTION OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AND PARTNER IN SOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. MARKOVIC ALSO NOTED US INTEREST IN EXPANDED TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA; US UNDERTAKING TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES IN THE US; AND THE "EXTRAORDINARY HOSPITALITY" THE DELEGATION MET IN THE US, AS WELL AS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE VISIT TO US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.

5. THE YUGOSLAVS COULD HARDLY BE MORE PLEASED WITH THE VISIT. OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ITS SUCCESS.  
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